

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 33 and 36-39 have been amended. Claims 5 and 7-31 have been previously cancelled. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-4, 6 and 32-39 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

Claims 36-39 stand objected. Accordingly, claims 36-39 have been amended thus obviating the objection.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Szeliski, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,636,220 (“Szeliski”).

Applicant submits that Szeliski discloses “a synthesizer 202 that synthesizes new video from the analyzed video clip.” The synthesizer 202 includes “*a random sequencer 204, [which] employs the transition information generated by the analyzer 200 . . . to decide in what order to play (or shuffle) the original video frames.*” Szeliski further discloses that “[t]his can be accomplished using a Monte-Carlo technique that *randomly decides which frame should be played after a given frame.*” (col. 12, lines 27-35; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, recites “creating a video database that includes random samples of transition effects, [and] based on the random samples of transition effects in the video database, dividing the video stream into a plurality of sub-sections.” (emphasis provided). Applicant submits that Szeliski fails to teach or reasonably suggest such a feature.

The random sequencer 204 in Szeliski decides *what order to play frames* in a video clip (i.e. shuffles the frames); however, claim 1 recites that based on the random samples of transition effects in a video database, the video stream is divided into a plurality of sub-sections.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 4, 36 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatenable over Szeliski, in view of Bozdagi, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,493,042 (“Bozdagi”).

Claims 32-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatenable over Szeliski, in view of Wilcox, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,072,542 (“Wilcox”).

Claims 37-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatenable over Szeliski, in view of Bozdagi and further in view of Wilcox.

Claims 32 and 36 includes limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, for the reasons stated with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 32 and 36 and their dependent claims be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

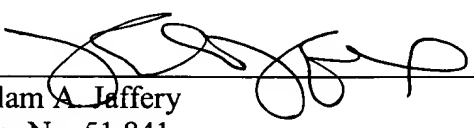
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Respectfully submitted,

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